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Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97(b), Applicants bring to the attention of the Examiner the documents listed on the attached PTO-1449. This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits for the above-referenced application.

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the listed documents and evidence that consideration by making appropriate notations on the attached form.

JP 9-25692 is listed on the accompanying PTO-1449 and is in a language other than English. The relevance of this document can be understood from the International Search Report, the English language abstract attached thereto, and the figures therein. A copy of this document is attached.

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